(f) No. Because temporary arrangements made every year serve the purpose well.

Aadur chira—Talappalli Taluk.

310. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the work of constructing a connecting channel between Aadur chira and Elavathingal thodu has not been completed and check-measured in 1107;

(b) has the eastern end of new channel been opened for irrigation purposes;

(c) if not opened, the reason for not opening it;

(d) will not the opening of it benefit lands to the extent of 800—1000 acres?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The channel was cut and work check-measured in 1107 but two pipes remain to be fitted up at the mouth of the channel.

(b) Not yet formally opened. But this year when there was scarcity of water for the fields, water was let in.

(c) It was not formally opened as the pipes have yet to be fitted up.

(d) It would benefit some lands. As this new channel is only supplementing the supply of the Elavathingal thodu, the area of land benefitted by the new channel cannot be definitely stated.

The aqueduct at Aloor—Talappalli Taluk.

311. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) referring to question No. 101 of Legislative (Vrischigam) session of 1108 the nature of the damage to the R. C. posts;

(b) how many posts were there in all and how many were damaged;

(c) were not those that were damaged at the ends of the aqueduct;

(d) what portion of the river will be affected most with reference to pillars erected in it by floods—central ones or those near the shore;

(e) have not requisitions for the extensions of the channel fed by the aqueduct been received from the ryots;

(f) what action has been taken, if any?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The posts have been broken and some have fallen down.

(b) 9 sets of posts. 8 are damaged.

(c) Those at the ends as well as those in the middle were affected.

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(d) The question is not clear.

(e) Yes.

(f) It has been decided that if extensions are possible without adversely affecting the vested rights of the existing ayacut, it will be done year after year.

Opening of canal communication to Kunnamkulam.

312. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government since June 1931 for opening canal communication to Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether any representation was received by the Government on the subject after the aforementioned date;

(c) whether the Government has been able to find out any device to prevent the danger of introducing brackish water to the detriment to paddy lands.

(d) whether the Engineers in our State have been able to recommend any suitable device for the purpose;

(e) whether the Government have consulted any Engineer outside the State to suggest a suitable device; and if not

(f) what is the reason for not doing so?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer in question No. 108 in the last meeting of the Council.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) The Chief Engineer has suggested certain devices.

(e) No.

(f) There was no necessity for so doing.

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